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SUBJECT: FRANCE: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 1: LICENSE NOS. 883933, 901272, AND 915708 END-USE CHECK ON MINIATURE INTEGRATED GPS/INS SYSTEMS DELIVERY TO FRENCH FIRM "M.C.E."

REF: (A) 03 STATE 155368

(B) various Belon/Dade emails July-November 2004

[1](#)1. (SBU) As requested in ref A, post has been in contact with French firm "M.C.E." on numerous occasions. As detailed in ref emails, company executives were uncooperative in providing details requested or arranging site visits to view the miniature integrated GPS/INS systems in question.

[1](#)2. (SBU) In a letter dated December 7, 2004, and addressed to post blue lantern officer, the company manager wrote the following:

begin informal translation

MCE specializes in physical measurements with significant export activities. We work with correspondents located in the following countries: India, Pakistan, UAE.

Our request is the following: To which of the above listed countries can we export material (originating from) BEI Systron? To date, we have no declared clients but numerous commercial contacts anticipate multiple sales possibilities. It would be regrettable, if after an order is taken, that we might be refused an export license. In order to avoid this situation, it seems indispensable to know with which countries we can work.

end information translation

[1](#)3. (U) Post has faxed a copy of the original letter in French to PM/DTCC and EUR/WE.

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